

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Morio Taneda  
Application No.: 10/542,869  
Filed: March 3, 2006

Confirmation No.: 2415  
Group Art Unit: 2626  
Examiner: Daniel Demelash Abebe

For: **NOISE REDUCTION AND AUDIO-VISUAL SPEECH ACTIVITY  
DETECTION**

March 20, 2009

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants provide the present Amendment in response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2008.

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.